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I. FORMATION OF THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS SERVICE

1. WITH THE PROMULGATION OF SUPREME DECREE 294 THE GOE HAS REORGANIZED THE NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE CREATING THE NARCOTICS SERVICE WHICH IS NOW ONE OF THE SIX FUNCTIONAL POLICE SERVICES ON THE LEVEL OF A NATIONAL DIRECTORATE GENERAL. THE NEW ENTITY IS CHARGED WITH THE PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AS WELL AS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND THE APPREHENSION OF VIOLATORS. THE DECREE ALSO PROVIDES THAT OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE POLICE ARE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT FACILITIES TO THE NARCOTICS SERVICE.

2. IN ORDER TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE IS AUTHORIZED TO INSPECT AND EVALUATE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SERVICE TO AVOID POSSIBLE CORRUPTION.

3. THE PLANNED CONFIGURATION OF THE NARCOTICS SERVICE INCLUDES SUB- OFFICES IN SIX OUT OF THE TWENTY PROVINCES.
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IT WILL BE STAFFED BY FIFTY- ONE NON- COMMISSIONED POLICEMEN, TWELVE OFFICERS OF LOWER RANK, ONE MAJOR AND ONE COLONEL. TWENTY- SEVEN OF THE FIFTY- ONE NON- COMMISSIONED POLICEMEN HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.

4. THE UNITS WILL BE PARTIALLY ARMED THROUGH THE US- GOE NARCOTICS PROJECT AGREEMENT AND WILL RECEIVE TWELVE VEHICLES NDKEOM THE SAME SOURCE (SIX USG, SIX GOE).

II. ARRESTS AND SEIZURES

1. EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURE OF SEVEN KILOS OF COCAINE PASTE IN THE PROVINCE OF EL ORO WHICH BORDERS ON PERU.

2. IN A SEPARATE ACTION IN THE TOWN OF HUAQUILLAS IN WHICH THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTION TOOK PLACE, THREE OTHER SUSPECTS WERE APPREHENDED AND THREE KILOS OF COCAINE PASTE WERE SEIZED.

3. A BAND OF SEVEN SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED IN GUAYAQUIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO SELL A KILO OF COCAINE TO AN UNDERCOVER AGENT.

4. POLICE OFFICIALS IN PORTOVIEJO DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED 15,000 MARIJUANA PLANTS (APPROXIMATELY 375 KILOS) AND ARRESTED THE OWNER OF THE PLOT WHO HAD PLANTED THE CROP IN WITH HIS CORN.

5. THE CUSTOMS POLICE DISCOVERED SIX POUNDS OF MARIJUANA AND ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS.

6. IN ADDITION THERE WERE FOUR OTHER REPORTED ARRESTS FOR TRAFFICKING IN MARIJUANA.
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